


## Department of Early Learning

<b>Policy Title:</b>	<b>10.1.6 Window Blind and Covering Policy</b>		
<b>Procedure:</b>	See Attached		
<b>References:</b>	RCW 43.215.360		
<b>Applies To:</b>	Licensing Staff	<b>Contact:</b>	Provider Partnership Division
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DEL is responsible for licensing activities to ensure that standards of health and safety are present in child care facilities in accordance with RCW and WAC regulations. The term "child care facility" is used to indicate licensed family child care homes, child care centers and school-age programs.

### Purpose

DEL licensing staff will enforce RCW 43.215.360 to protect children in licensed child care from serious injury or death from strangulation in window blind or other window covering cords. Expectations of DEL personnel are clarified in this policy and its accompanying procedure.

### Policy

- I. Licensing staff will provide information on RCW 43.215.360 at orientations and licensing visits and will provide information from Consumer Products Safety Commission on the hazards posed by window coverings with pull cords or inner cords capable of forming a loop.
- II. Technical assistance will be provided to licensees regarding RCW 43.215.360.
- III. A compliance agreement, citing RCW 43.215.360, for accessible window blind and window covering cords that do not meet the requirements of this law will be issued and monitored.

### Attachments

Window Blind and Covering Procedure